FIG. 25 is being amended to correct the sequence. Support for this change may be found in (i) the genetic code (see Exhibit A) which indicates the correct amino acids encoded by the codons GAA, GAG, and ACC of FIG. 25 and (ii) the corresponding amino acids in FIG. 11 (see Exhibit B). Note that the truncation 1-163 corresponds to the first 163 amino acids of the mature protein shown in FIG. 11. See page 26, lines 19-21 of the specification. This error was introduced inadvertently and no new matter is being added by the above amendment.

After introducing the above amendments, the Examiner is requested to proceed to examine this case on the merits.

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r-HuMGDF (1-163) Translation

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ATG AAA AGT CCT GCA CCA CCT GCA TGT GAT TTA CGG GTC CTG
MET LYS SER PRO ALA PRO PRO ALA CYS ASP LEU ARG VAL LEU

TCT AAA CTG CTG CGC GAC TCT CAC GTG CTG CAC TCT CGT CTG
SER LYS LEU LEU ARG ASP SER HIS VAL LEU HIS SER ARG LEU

TCC CAG TGC CCG GAA GTT CAC CCG CTG CCG ACC CCG GTT CTG
SER GLN CYS PRO GLU VAL HIS PRO LEU PRO THR PRO VAL LEU

CTT CCG GCT GTC GAC TTC TCC CTG GGT GAA TGG AAA ACC CAG
LEU PRO ALA VAL ASP PHE SER LEU GLY GLU TRP LYS THR GLN

ATG GAA GAG ACC AAA GCT CAG GAC ATC CTG GGT GCA GTA ACT
MET ALA-ALA-ARG LYS ALA GLN ASP ILE LEU GLY ALA VAL THR
    GLU GLU THR

CTG CTT CTG GAA GGC GTT ATG GCT GCA CGT GGC CAG CTT GGC
LEU LEU LEU GLU GLY VAL MET ALA ALA ARG GLY GLN LEU GLY

CCG ACC TGC CTG TCT TCC CTG CTT GGC CAG CTG TCT GGC CAG
PRO THR CYS LEU SER SER LEU LEU GLY GLN LEU SER GLY GLN

GTT CGT CTG CTG CTC GGC GCT CTG CAG TCT CTG CTT GGC ACC
VAL ARG LEU LEU LEU GLY ALA LEU GLN SER LEU LEU GLY THR

CAG CTG CCG CCA CAG GGC CGT ACC ACT GCT CAC AAG GAT CCG
GLN LEU PRO PRO GLN GLY ARG THR THR ALA HIS LYS ASP PRO

AAC GCT ATC TTC CTG TCT TTC CAG CAC CTG CTG CGT GGC AAA
ASN ALA ILE PHE LEU SER PHE GLN HIS LEU LEU ARG GLY LYS

GTT CGT TTC CTG ATG CTG GTT GGC GGT TCT ACC CTG TGC GTT
VAL ARG PHE LEU MET LEU VAL GLY GLY SER THR LEU CYS VAL

CGT CGG GCG CCG CCA ACC ACT GCT GTT CCG TCT TAA
ARG ARG ALA PRO PRO THR THR ALA VAL PRO SER STOP
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Figure 25